

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed September 16, 2009, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1 – 45, without traverse. Therefore, after entry of this response, Claims 1 – 45 are pending, Claims 46 – 53 are withdrawn, and Claims 54 – 57 are canceled.

Applicants therefore respectfully request an action on the merits for claims 1 – 45.

Respectfully submitted,

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